

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, and 18 are currently pending, wherein claims 13-15, 17 and 19 have been canceled and claim 1 has been amended. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration in view of the remarks presented herein below.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action (“Action”), the Examiner rejects claims 13-15, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,143,301 to Trautner (“Trautner”). Claims 13-15, 17 and 19 have been canceled rendering this rejection moot.

In paragraph 4 of the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Trautner. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claim 1 defines a lamp apparatus for a liquid crystal display. The apparatus includes, *inter alia*, a lamp capable of using a discharge of an external voltage applied to an electrode of the lamp to generate light for the liquid crystal display, a wire to deliver the external voltage, and a connector for electrically connecting the electrode of the lamp to the wire, the connector directly contacting the electrode of the lamp and a portion of the wire, wherein the connector includes a first curved wing for directly contacting the electrode of the lamp and a second curved wing for directly contacting a portion of the wire.

In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner asserts that it would have been obvious to utilize a discharge lamp for the lamp apparatus of Trautner in order to “obtain desired visual characteristics.” However, the claimed invention is not only a discharge lamp, but a discharge lamp for generating light in a liquid crystal display. Furthermore, the limitation that the discharge lamp is capable of generating light in a liquid crystal display is *structural* as well as functional. Due the size and electrical characteristics of a liquid crystal display the claimed lamp

must met structural limitations not achieved by the lamp of Trautner. Accordingly, independent claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over Trautner.

Claims 2, 4-6 and 18 variously depend from independent claim 1. Therefore, claims 2, 4-6 and 18 are patentably distinguishable over Trautner for at least those reasons presented above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 4-6 and 18.

The application is in a condition for allowance. Notice of same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner find the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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